Die Martis, 3 Decemb. 1644.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

FOR THE

Raising of Money to pay the Charge of the *Fortifications* and *Guards*, and for other Necessary USES:

For the safety of the City, and parts adjacent, within the Lines of Communication, and Weekly Bills of Mortality.

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FOraſmuch as the Fortifications and Guards within the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and parts adjacent, within the Lines of Communication and weekly Bills of Mortality, are very neceſſary for the ſafety and defence of the ſaid Cities and places, and preſervation of the Parliament in theſe times of diſtraction and danger, and for that the Citizens and Inha-

bitants within the ſaid Cities and places have been and are daily at great charges in maintaining the ſame, For raiſing of money to pay the charge of the Fortifications and Guards aforeſaid, and for ſatisfying the great debts thereby already incurred, and other neceſſary uſes: The Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, have Ordained, And be it Ordained by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That there ſhall be monthly charged and levied upon the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, The *Hamblets* of the Tower, and Burrough of *Southwark*, and all other Pariſhes and places within the Line of Communication, and weekly Bills of Mortality, the ſumme of ſix thouſand nine hundred ſixty two pounds foure ſhillings: that is to ſay, upon the City of *London*, five thouſand foure hundred eighty two pounds ten ſhillings three pence. Upon the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, ſix hundred ſixteen pounds ten ſhillings eight pence halfe penny. Upon the *Hamblets*, foure hundred ninty three pounds foure ſhillings ſeven pence. Upon the Burrough of *Southwark*; three hundred ſixty nine pounds eighteen ſhillings five pence farthing, for the purpoſes aforeſaid, for ſix moneths, To commence from the firſt day of *November* laſt paſt, And to the end the ſeverall ſummes of money, may be duly raiſed, levied and paid; as hereafter is directed.

Be it further Ordained, by the ſaid Lords and Commons, That the Lord Major and Aldermen of *London*, ſhall be Committees for the City of *London* and Liberties thereof, And the Lord Major and Aldermen of *London*, and ſix ſuch perſons of every of the Sub-committees for the Militia, within the Lines of Communication, and weekly Bills of Mortality, as the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective Committees ſhall nominate and appoint, for this ſervice, and the former Committees named in the Ordi-

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nance for the two laſt months aſſeſsements for the City of *Weſtminſter*, Burrough of *Southwarke*, *Hamblets* of the Tower, and other places within the Line of Communication, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, without the City of *London*, and Liberties thereof, ſhall bee Committees for the ſaid City of *Weſtminſter*, Burrough of *Southwarke*, *Hamblets* of the Tower, and places aforeſaid without the City of *London*, and Liberties thereof, within their ſeverall and reſpective diviſions: which ſaid Committees in their ſeverall and reſpective diviſions or any two or more of them reſpectively are hereby authorized and required to direct their warrants to ſuch number of perſons as they ſhall thinke fit, within their ſeverall and reſpective diviſions to be Aſſeſſors for the ſaid Rates, which ſaid perſons are hereby authorized and required to aſſeſs all and every perſon and perſons whereſoever they ſhall live and inhabite, either within the ſaid Limits, or without, having any reall or perſonall Eſtate within the Limits, Circuits, and Bounds of their reſpective Diviſions, according to the rate and proportion in this Ordinance mentioned.

And bee it further Ordained by the Lords and Commons, That the ſeverall ſummes which ſhall be hereafter aſſeſſed or taken upon the ſeverall Cities and Places aforeſaid, ſhall bee aſſeſſed and taken both for Lands and Goods, upon ſuch Perſons and Eſtates, and in ſuch manner and forme, as is directed for the Weekly Aſſeſſments in an Ordinance of Parliament of the fourth day of *March*, 1642. Intituled, An Ordinance of both Houſes of Parliament, For the ſpeedy raiſing and levying of Money for the maintenance of the Army raiſed by the Parliament, and other great Affaires of the Common-wealth by a Weekly Aſſeſſement: and to the end that the ſaid Rates be equally and indifferently aſſeſſed, and the Moneys duly

Collected, and true accompt thereof made; the ſaid Aſſeſſors are hereby required, within ſix dayes after ſuch aſſeſſement made, to deliver two Copies of their reſpective aſſeſſements fairly written and ſubſcribed by them unto the ſaid Reſpective Committees, or to any of them; whereof one to remain with the ſaid Committee, and the other to be delivered to the Collectors, with Warrants to levy the ſaid Moneys. And the ſaid ſeverall Committees, or any three of them are hereby reſpectively authorized from time to time to nominate one or more ſufficient and honeſt Perſons in every diviſion or allotment, to be Collectors of the ſaid Moneys ſo aſſeſſed and Rated; which ſaid Collectors are hereby authorized and required to collect the ſaid Moneys ſo aſſeſſed, and the ſaid reſpective Committees, or any ſix of them, are hereby authorized to allow and pay unto the ſaid reſpective Collectors two pence in the pound for their paines in collecting the ſaid Moneys, and one penny in the pound to their Clerkes for their paines in fair writing the ſaid Aſſeſſements: And if any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay any Summe or Summes of Money, whereat he, or they ſhall be Rated and aſſeſſed, That then it ſhall and may be lawfull to, and for the ſaid Collectors, or any of them, to leavy the ſumme ſo aſſeſſed by Diſtreſs, and the Sale of the Goods of ſuch perſon or perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting to pay; deducting the ſumme aſſeſſed, and the reaſonable charges of Diſtraining, and reſtore the overplus to the owner thereof. And likewiſe to breake open any Houſe, Cheſt, Truncks, Boxe, or other thing wherein any ſuch Goods are, and to call to their aſſiſtance any of the Trained Bands, Conſtables, Headboroughs or any other Forces within the Cities and Places where any reſiſtance ſhall be made, or any other perſon or perſons whatſoever; which ſaid Forces and perſons, are hereby required

required to be aiding and aſſiſting in the premiſes, as they ſhall anſwer the contrary at their perills. And if any Queſtion or difference ſhall happen to ariſe upon the taking ſuch Diſtreſs, between the parties diſtrained and diſtraining, the ſame ſhall be ended and determined by the ſaid Committees, or any two of them: and the ſaid ſeverall Committees or any two or more of them are hereby authorized and required to uſe ſuch other wayes or meanes for the ſpeedy levying of the ſaid Aſſeſſements as to them ſhall be thought fit. And if any perſon or perſons ſhall purpoſely convey away his or their Goods, or any other perſonall Eſtate whereby the ſumme of money ſo aſſeſſed, cannot bee levied according to this Ordinance; Then the ſaid reſpective Committees or any two of them are hereby authorized by themſelves, or ſuch other perſons as they ſhall appoint, to impriſon the perſons; and the Sequeſtrators to ſequeſter the Eſtates of every ſuch perſon, for the advancement of the ſaid ſervice. And the Tenants of all Houſes and Lands, which ſhall bee rated by vertue of this Ordinance, are hereby required and authorized to pay ſuch ſummes of money, as ſhall bee rated upon every ſuch Houſe and Lands, and to deduct out of their Rents ſo much of the ſaid Rates, as in reſpect of the Rents of every ſuch Houſe and Lands, the Landlords ſhould or ought to pay, or beare; and the Landlords both mediate and immediate, according to their reſpective Intereſts, are hereby required to allow ſuch deductions and payments upon the receipt of the reſidue of their Rents, and to give Acquittances for their whole Rents, as if no deductions had been made. And if any Landlord refuſe to make any ſuch deduction or allowance, or to give ſuch acquittances, then the reſpective Committees for the ſequeſtrations in the Cities and places aforeſaid upon proof thereof made before them, are hereby authorized for every time they ſhall

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so refuse to seize and sequester for the service aforesaid, one full halfe yeeres rent payable to such persons so refusing, allowing out of the same the summe of money so paid by that Tenant as aforesaid. And if any difference shall arise between Landlord and Tenant or any other concerning the said Rates, the said severall Committees or any two of them in their severall divisions have hereby power to settle the same as they shall thinke fit. And the said Collectors, and every of them are hereby required from time to time to pay such summe and summes of money as shall be by them collected by vertue of this Ordinance, to such Treasurer or Treasurers for the City of *London* and Liberties thereof, as the Common-Councell of the said City shall appoint. And for the Lines of Communication, and within the Weekly Bills of Mortality without the City and Liberties to such Treasurer or Treasurers as the respective Sub-Committees in their severall Divisions shall appoint. And the said severall Committees are hereby required to take speciall care, that the said Monethly Assessements be constantly levied, collected and paid to the said Treasurer or Treasurers once in every Moneth, during the continuance of the terme mentioned in this Ordinance.

And be it further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons that if any person or persons shall wilfully neglect or refuse to take upon him any Office or place herein mentioned incident to this service, or having taken upon him such Office or place shall refuse or neglect to execute or performe the same, or if any other person or persons shall neglect or refuse to perform his duty in the due and speedy execution of this present Ordinance, the Lord Major of the said City for the time being, or any two of the Aldermen of the same City, for the City of *London*, and the Liberties thereof, and the said respective Committees without the

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Liberties of the ſaid City, and within the Lines of Communication and weekly Bills of Mortality, or any five of them, have hereby power to commit ſuch perſon or perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting this ſervice, as aforeſaid, to priſon, there to remain without Bail, untill he ſhall conform himſelf; or otherwiſe to impoſe upon ſuch perſon or perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting the ſaid ſervice or their duties therein, ſuch Fine or Fines as to them ſhall be thought fit; and cauſe the ſame to be levyed by diſtreſs, and ſale of goods in manner and forme aforeſaid.

Provided, That no fine to be impoſed upon any of the ſaid Committees ſhall for any one offence exceed the ſumme of five pounds, and that no fine to be impoſed upon any Aſſeſſor, Collector or any other perſon to be imployed by the ſaid Committees in the ſaid ſervice, or refuſing to be imployed therein, ſhall for any offence exceed the ſum of five pounds: And that no priviledged place or perſon, within the Cities and places aforeſaid, ſhall be exempted from the ſaid Aſſeſſements and Taxes.

And be it further Ordained, That the ſaid ſeverall and reſpective Committees, and every of them ſhall from time to time give a true and perfect account of all their doings and proceedings in the execution of this Ordinance, (*viz.*) The Treaſurer or Treaſurers for *London*, and the Liberties, to the Major, Aldermen, and Common-Councell of the ſaid City of *London*, or to ſuch perſons as they ſhall appoint; And the ſaid Sub-Committees and their Treaſurers to the Committee for the Militia of the ſaid City.

And be it further Ordained, that the Treaſurers appointed to receive the money by vertue of this Ordinance, are appointed & hereby authorized to iſſue out the ſaid Monies ſo gathered and received for the purpoſe aforeſaid, and not otherwiſe, within the City and Liberties, as the Lord Major, Aldermen, and Commons in Common-Councell aſſembled, or ſuch

persons as they from time to time shall appoint for that purpose; and without the said City and Liberties, and within the Line of Communication, and weekly Bills of Mortality; as the said Sub-Committees within their severall divisions shall appoint for the uses aforesaid, and not otherwise.

And be it lastly by the said Lords and Commons further Ordained, that all and every the respective Committees, Assessors, Treasurers, and Collectors, of the respective Divisions aforesaid, and all that shall assist them in the premisses shall be by the power of Parliament Protected and saved harmlesse, both for what according to the true meaning of the Premisses, they have or shall do therein.

Provided alwayes, that such Rates and Assessements as shall be made by vertue of this Ordinance upon any Peeres of this Kingdome, or Members, Assistants, or Attendants upon either the Houses of Parliament, shall before the same be levied, be presented to the respective Houses, whose Members, Assistants, or Attendants, shall be concerned therein respectively, and by such respective House allowed and approved of, any thing in this present Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Jo. Brown Cleric. Parliamentorum.

H. Elsynge Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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